

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(a) 457 on 30th Thulam 1117 (15th November 1941).

(b) Juveniles 14.

Females 11.

(c) Yes. The construction of one more block with 56 cells for the accommodation of prisoners has since been sanctioned. The question of construction of a juvenile block is also under consideration. The fly-proof arrangement of the kitchen in the Central Jail was found not adequate and orders have been issued to make it effective.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know which is majority community among this 457 inhabitants?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): May I know the number of persons put in one cell at a time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The accommodation now is not sufficient and we are making further accommodation. At present even two or three persons are put in one cell together.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): By providing 56 cells more, may I know whether a single prisoner can be accommodated in one cell?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): In one cell two prisoners can be accommodated.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether juvenile offenders are put along with the other prisoners?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to separate the juvenile block from the other prisoners so that they may be given better instructions?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): That is the present idea.

TRICHUR WATER SUPPLY—DIGGING OF TANKS OUTSIDE THE TOWN

73. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it will not be possible to get water, by digging a few tanks round about the town of Trichur, which will be sufficient for drinking purposes alone;

- (b) how many tanks are there from which water is taken by the Municipality for the townsfolk's use;
- (c) are there not low-lying paddy lands practically all round the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

- (a) From the experiences we have of the conditions of water supply in tanks around the Trichur town it is possible to say that under very favourable conditions a tank can be depended upon to give about 20,000 to 25,000 gallons of water a day. This is during the driest part of the year. The immediate needs of the population will be about 5 lakhs of gallons per day.
- (b) Five.
- (c) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether these 5 tanks referred to are situated very near the engine or in distant places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Not very far from the principal pumping house.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what is the quantity of water that is taken from these 5 tanks daily?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I think that will be 90,000 to 1 lakh gallons per day.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, whether water is being supplied to the mills?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I do not think that mills are supplied.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what exactly is meant by "favourable conditions" mentioned in your answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): It is not in every place where the tank will be successful. There should be proper springs. We must select the site for that.

TEXTILE MILLS—CONDITIONS OF LABOUR

74. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) how many persons are employed in the Sitaram Mills, Ltd., Trichur, and in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Amballur, respectively;